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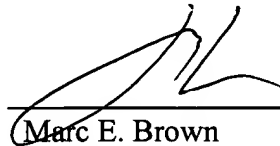


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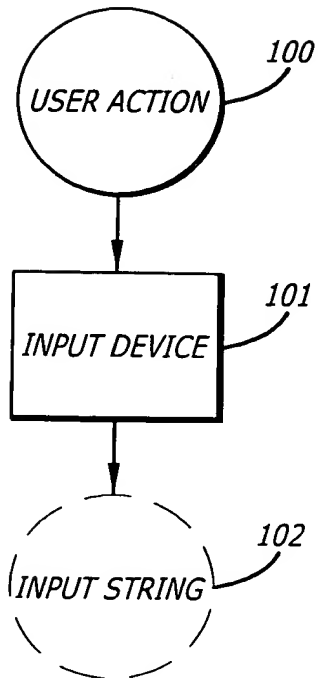


FIG. 1.0

FIG. 1.1

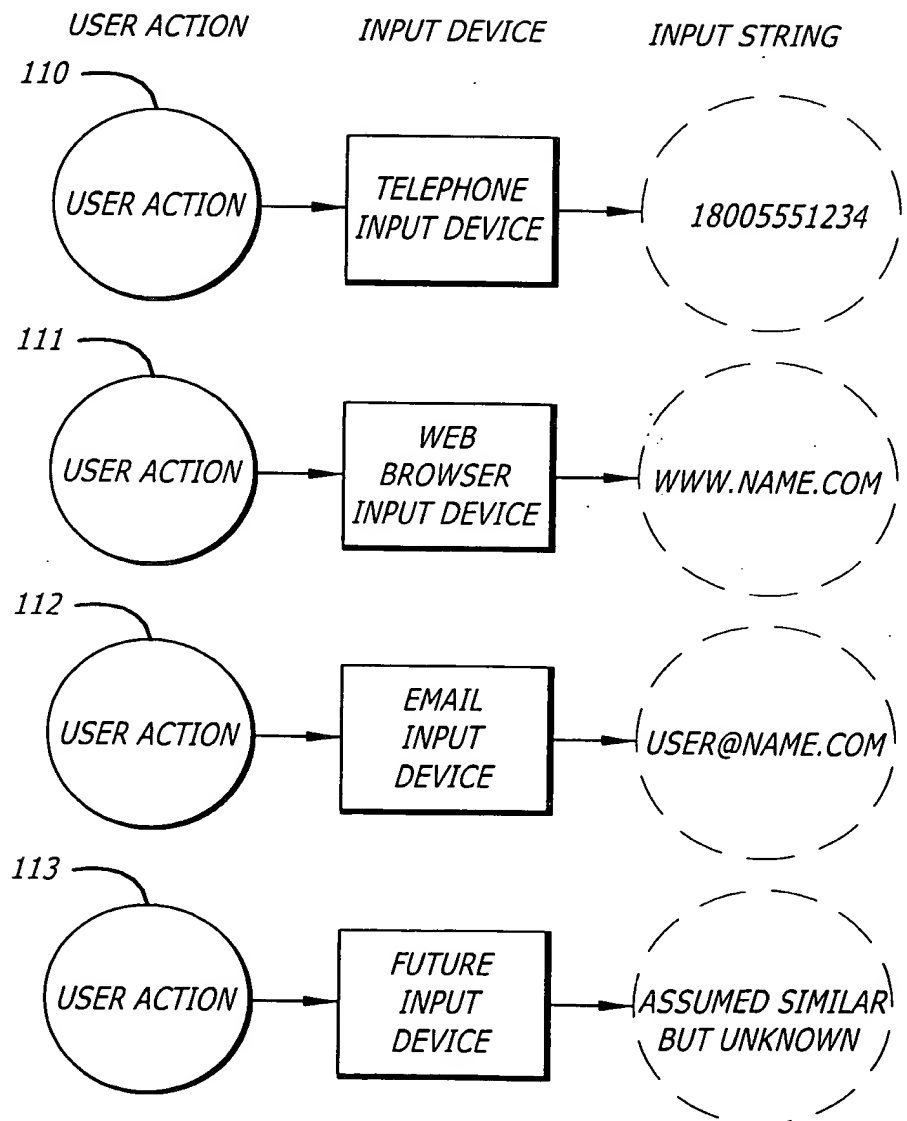


FIG. 1.2



FIG. 1.3

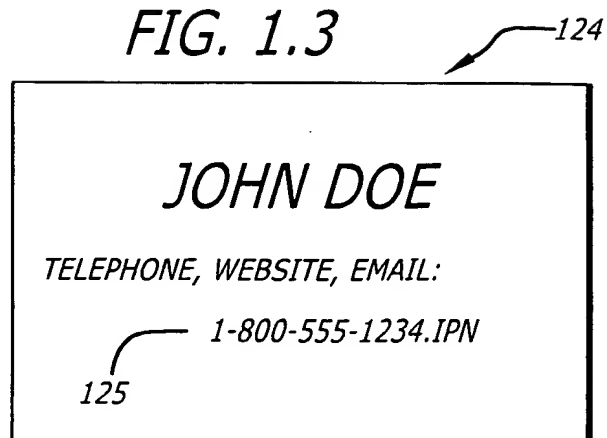


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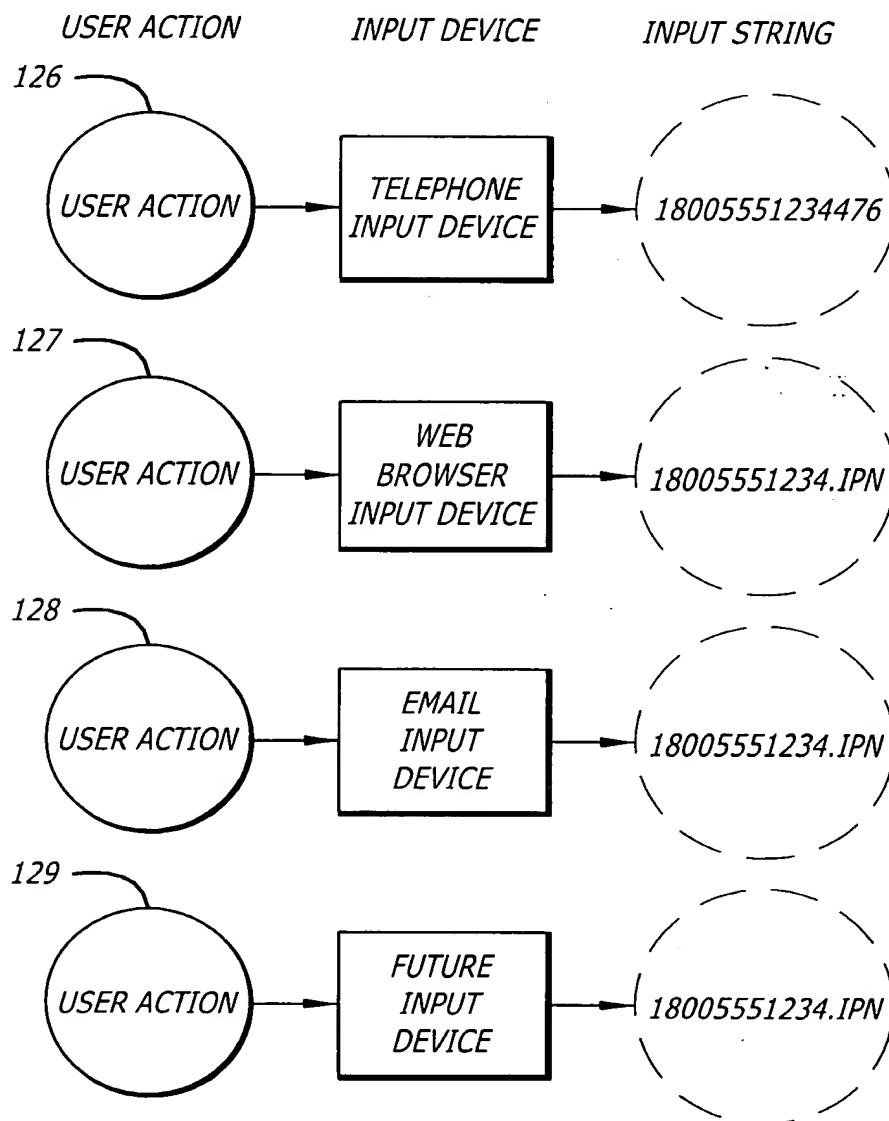


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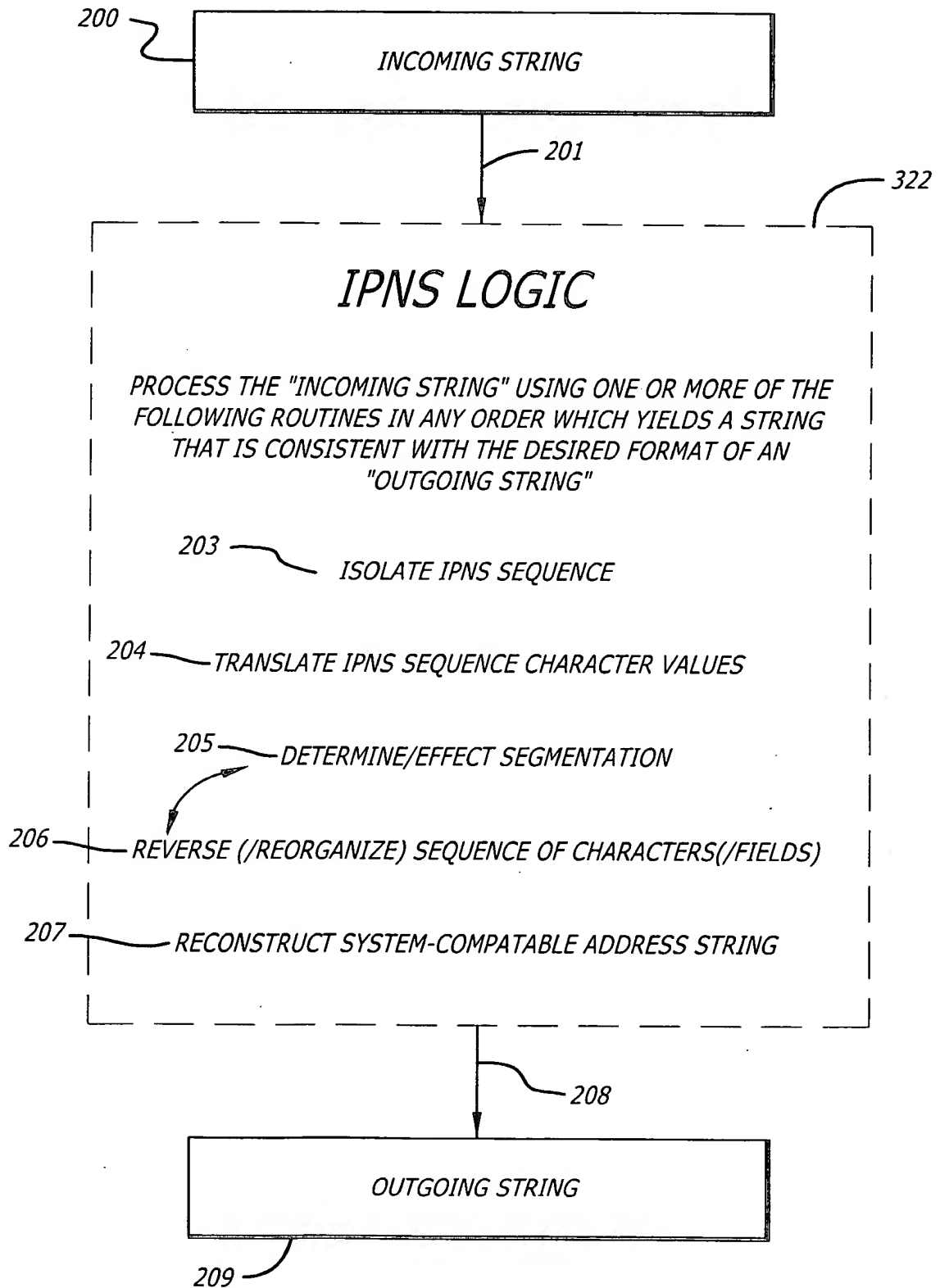
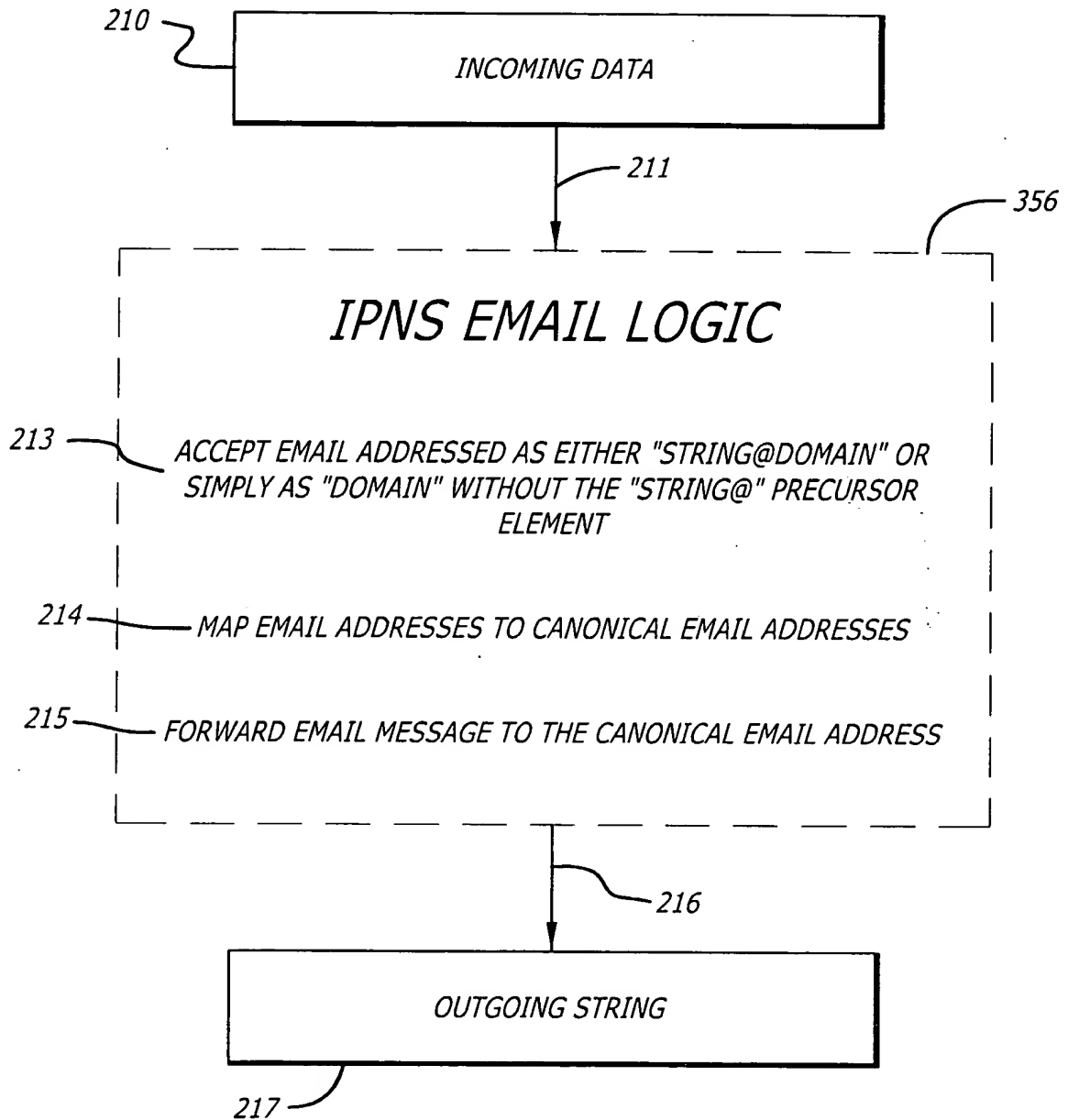


FIG. 2.1



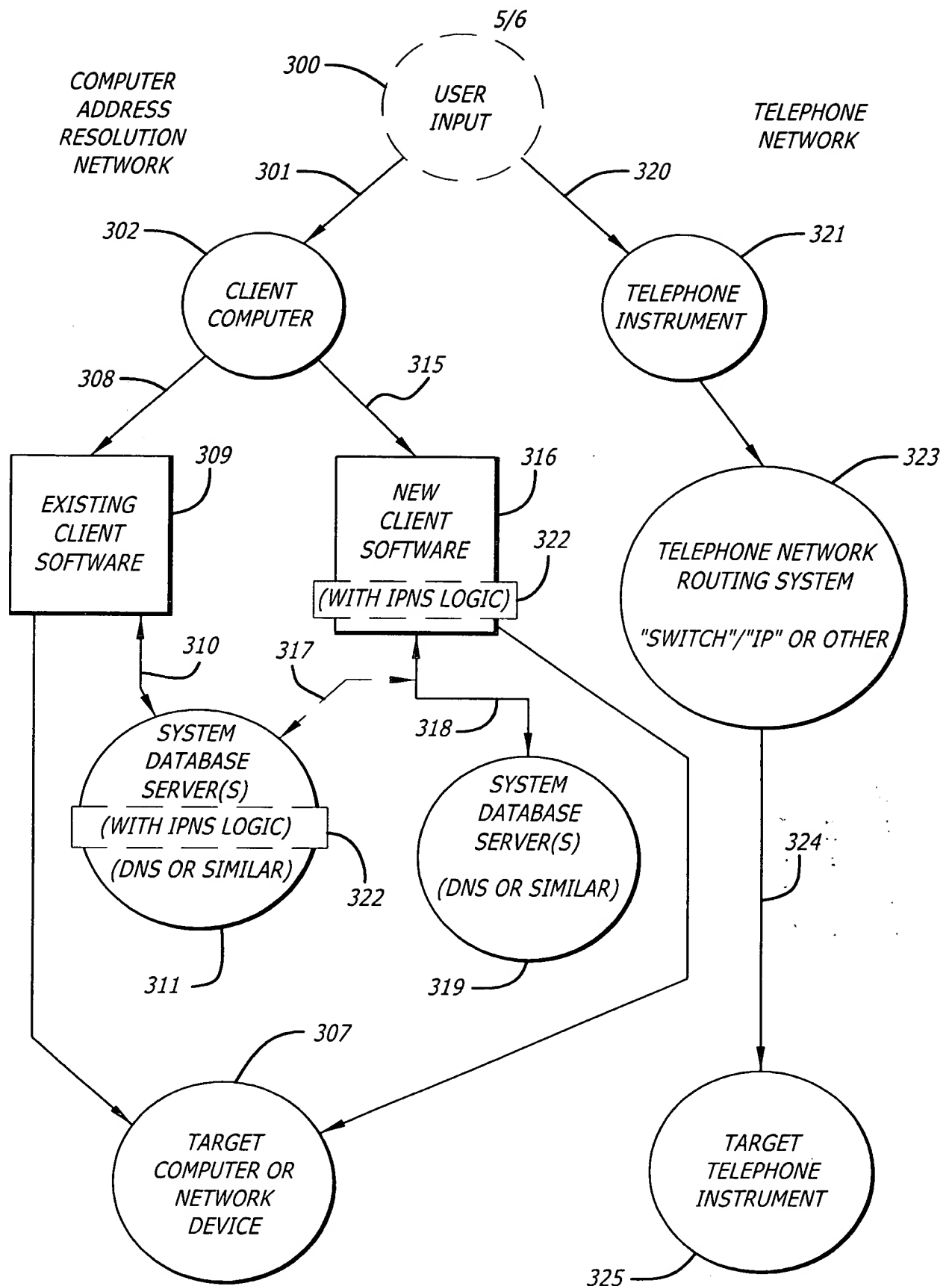


FIG. 3.0

FIG. 3.2

